

Dear Parents

Welcome to Downs View! Thought it would be useful to introduce myself and the Foundation Stage team. I have been teaching for twenty-two years and have taught in both Foundation Stage and Year 1 during that time. I have been the Foundation Stage Team leader for the last 13 years. I have a daughter Olivia who is now twelve and a son Benjamin who is now eight. I have always wanted to teach and enjoy watching the progress that all the children make in their first year at school.

As you are aware there are three Foundation classes;-

Owls - Teacher and Foundation Stage Team Leader - Mrs Smith
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Bridges (Tuesday - Friday) and Mrs Sulovari (Monday)

Squirrels - Teacher - Miss Cossey
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Roberts

Foxes - Teacher - Miss Ball
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Lett

Thank you for your support in settling your child and following our new regulations to keep everybody safe. Although we are avoiding talking at length at the classroom door for safety reasons, please feel free to contact the office via telephone or email if you have a question or query and your child's teacher will get back to you.

You should have received an email about setting up Parentmail. Information was also given during your recent visit to class about downloading the app. Please follow the instructions given as this will be the main source of communication, where updates and the weekly newsletter are sent.

What can you do to help?

- Talk about things that your child has enjoyed / disliked about their day
- Encourage independence i.e. let them put their own shoes, clothes, coats on.
- Share both school reading books and their own books
- Make up their own stories
- Share traditional fairy stories
- Recite rhymes
- Sound and word recognition (words will be stuck in the monkey reading diary weekly)
- Count objects at home / on the way to school i.e. how many red cars can they see
- Sort objects according to colour / size / shape

I hope that this and the topic information have given you an insight into some of the things that your child will be learning in school.

Thank you
Claire Smith (Foundation Stage Team Leader) and the Foundation Stage team.